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THE object of this Booklet is to set forth the gradual development and realisation of an idea formed many years ago by the founder of the above Hospital.

"Your old men shall dream dreams, and your young men shall see visions," said Joel the prophet, and the prophecy is being fulfilled through the ages. Visions are taking corporate forms, dreams are becoming solid reality. All great achievement is the fruit of secret vision, and before an enterprise takes tangible form someone has dreamed and visualised it long previously.

The Carter Bequest Hospital of to-day is the fulfilment of a vision of the closing years of last century. The originator of this Hospital saw some of the sorrow and hardship in homes where sickness and disease befell the occupants, and his sympathetic nature was touched to fine issues. He longed to bring cheer and help to such as were not able to overcome in the battle with ill-health; and, being not only a dreamer but also a very practical minded person, his visions took the form of the Hospital which we see to-day.

Somewhere about the year of Queen Victoria's Diamond Jubilee, a piece of land in Cambridge Road, Middlesbrough, was purchased by Mr. Thomas Carter with the intention of building a hospital upon it—a hospital which he also planned to endow. This intention was not realised at the time of his death, but provision was made in his will for the carrying out of the project by his Trustees. Knowing the mind of the testator, and his abhorrence of the multiplicity of appeals to the generosity of the charitable public, the Trustees have endeavoured, before erecting the hospital, to accumulate sufficient funds to equip and endow the same.

The erection of the Hospital has been delayed for several years, owing to the changed circumstances arising during and after the World War of the last decade.

This necessitated the accumulation of a much larger sum, not only for building, but for equipment and endowment also, the complete scheme requiring approximately £100,000.

Having accumulated the necessary funds the Trustees then decided to form a separate Trust for hospital purposes, and in 1923 the following trust was created by deed:

> *The Carter Bequest Hospital Trust, with the following persons as trustees—Miss Edith Carter, Messrs. Randolph Gray and George A. Archibald, these three being the Trustees of the founder's will. To their number were added four more, as follows: Mrs. Penhale and Mrs. Steel, Messrs. Chas. E. Elmhirst and John Hotson.*

The Trustees, numbering seven in all, formed a Hospital Trust, and instructed Messrs. Kitching & Archibald, Architects, to prepare plans for an up-to-date Hospital, to be erected on the site in Cambridge Road, Linthorpe.

Tenders were asked for on January 31st, 1923, for the erection of the present building, and that of Messrs. W. Pearson & Son, of West Hartlepool, at £22,635 was accepted, and in February 1924, they began to prepare the ground to receive the building.

The actual building was begun in March 1924, and went on steadily (with one interruption—that of a six weeks strike), being completed in October, 1925.

The structure is of a thoroughly substantial nature, being built of brick, faced with Eaglescliffe sandfaced bricks, and artificial stone dressings, giving a soft and mellow aspect to the building, which is of two-storey height.

The floors are of concrete blocks covered with " Armadek " composition, making the whole building fireproof throughout. The interior walls are finished in " Victorite " plaster, and decorated with " Velure " enamel.

The fittings are of the latest type, and the sanitation of the most up-to-date character.

The Administrative Block, which faces the entrance to the grounds in Cambridge Road, contains, on the ground floor, a large Entrance Hall with main stair, Reception Room, Surgeon's Reception Room, Nurses' Dining Room and Sitting Room, Matron's office, Board Room, Pathological Room and Dispensary. Also a Nurses' unit, containing two single bed wards and one double bed ward with all conveniences. On this floor are placed the Kitchens, with Pantries and Cold Storage, a Maids' Sitting Room being provided for the use of the domestic staff when off duty.

On the first floor are Matron's Sitting Room, Bed Room, and Bedrooms for both Nursing and Domestic Staffs, with bath and Lavatory accommodation.

From the Main Entrance Hall a corridor six feet wide leads to the Ward blocks, which are in two corresponding wings, splayed so as to gain the maximum amount of sunshine and air.

These blocks contain four wards, each of which accommodates ten beds, with two single bed wards adjoining; thus making a total of forty-eight beds, or fifty-two beds in all, with the Nursing unit in Administrative block.

The Ward Blocks are each provided with Sisters' Rooms and Ward Kitchens. Bathrooms and Sanitary Arrangements are fitted with excellent cross ventilation. Verandahs are provided to each 10 bed ward, on to which the patients' beds can be wheeled. There is also a fifth verandah, which will probably be at the disposal of the private patients. Fire escape stairs are provided from each first floor verandah. An electric bed-lift from Ground to First Floor is fixed between the two Ward Wings. Apart from the general lighting of the Wards, each bed is fitted with a shaded electric light at the head, and an extra plug in case of Medical necessity.

Hot Water Radiators are placed in juxtaposition to ventilators, so that the air which enters the wards is warmed before reaching the rooms.

The Operating Block, reached by a connecting corridor, is placed behind the Ward Blocks, and contains Operating Room,

Anaesthetic Room, X-Ray Room and Surgeon's Room; the Operating Room and Anaesthetic Room being lined with White Glazed Tiles, with upper parts in White Enamel.

The Laundry Block, placed behind the Operating Theatre block, contains a well-fitted wash-house, with a six-horse power steam boiler, a five-horse power motor, a washing machine, a hydro-extractor, a drying closet with six "horses," and an ironing machine.

Behind the Laundry, forming part of this block, is a pavilion, facing the tennis courts and recreation Ground.

A complete system of telephones has been installed throughout the building.

The following firms have been employed in the erection and completion of the Hospital:

General Contractors: W. Pearson & Son, W. Hartlepool.
Joiners: John Prowd, W. Hartlepool.
Slaters: J. Harrison & Son, Middlesbrough.
Plasterers: Sabey Kirby & Son, Bishop Auckland.
Plumbers: J. H. Shouksmith, York.
Heating Engineers: W. Richardson & Co., Darlington.
Electrical Engineers: Harrison Bros., Middlesbrough.
Telephones: Graham Bros., Middlesbrough.
Composition Flooring: Art Pavements & Dec., Ltd., London.
Fire Resisting Flooring: Durham & Veevers, E. Bolden.
Kitchen Fittings: Baker Bros., Middlesbrough.
Laundry Fittings: Baker Bros., Middlesbrough.
Sanitary and Operating Fittings: Farrars Ltd., B'ham.
Gardeners: Kent & Brydon, Darlington & Middlesbrough.
Road Making: Messrs. Goodhall Bros., Middlesbrough.
Architects: Kitching & Archibald, Middlesbrough.
Electric Lift: Messrs. Glennie & Son, North Ormesby.

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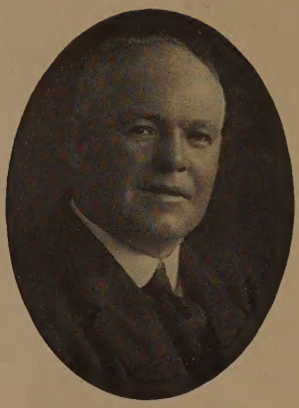
Mr. Geo. A. Archibald



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Miss Carter

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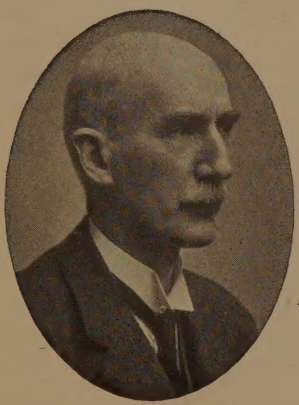

Mr. John Hotson

Charles E. Elmhirst, J.P.

THE ADMINISTRATION BUILDING

THE ENTRANCE HALL

EXTERIOR OF SOUTH-EAST WING: SHOWING OPERATING THEATRE

A PRIVATE WARD

A TEN-BED WARD

EXTERIOR OF SOUTH-WEST WING: SHOWING OPERATING THEATRE

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